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obtained solely by hashing the segment with a cryptographic hash function, no user identification

being used; and

    a consumer module associated with a consumer music player and executable thereby to

undertake logic including processing at least the segment of the music to obtain a test digital

signature, and, only if the test digital signature matches the authorized digital signature, permitting

at least one of: compression of the music, and recording the music, on the consumer music player.

Please amend Claim 7 as follows:

7.   (amended)   A computer program storage device including a program of instructions for

determining whether a request to compress and record digitized music should be honored, the program of

instructions including:

    computer readable code means for processing at least one segment of the music to obtain a

test digital signature by applying a cryptographic hash solely to the segment without applying a user

identification;

    computer readable code means for receiving an authorized digital signature associated with

the music; and

    computer readable code means for permitting compression and recording of the music only

if at least the test digital signature matches the authorized digital signature.

Please amend Claim 13 as follows:

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13.   (amended)   A method for facilitating the compression and storage, on a personal music

player, of digitized music received on a disk in an authorized transaction, comprising the acts of:

recording the music on the disk along with at least one authorized digital signature derived

solely by applying a cryptographic hash to the music without recording a user identification on the

disk;

receiving the disk;

engaging the disk with a personal music player compression device;

deriving at least one test digital signature from the music; and

compressing the music and recording the music on the personal music player only if the test

digital signature matches the authorized digital signature.

Please amend Claim 21 as follows:

21.   (amended)   A computer program storage device including a program of instructions for

determining whether a request to compress and record digitized music should be honored, the program of

instructions undertaking method acts comprising:

processing at least one segment of the music and only the segment to obtain a test digital

signature;

receiving an authorized digital signature associated with the music; and

permitting compression and recording of the music only if at least the test digital signature

matches the authorized digital signature.

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Please amend Claim 23 as follows:

23.   (amended)   A method for facilitating the compression and storage, on a personal music player, of digitized music received on a disk in an authorized transaction, comprising the acts of:

engaging the disk with a personal music player compression device;

deriving at least one test digital signature solely from the music; and

compressing the music and recording the music on the personal music player only if the at least one test digital signature matches at least one digital signature received on the disk without checking for a user identification.

No new matter has been entered, since the original disclosure sets forth deriving the digital signature using only the music and makes clear that test for allowing compression or recording does not depend on use of a user identification.

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